

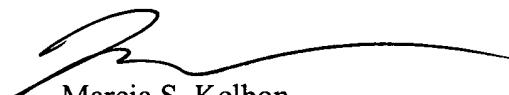
REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group II, inclusive of Claims 12-16, 46-56, 70-82 and 84-103 for initial examination, which claims are directed to the subject matter addressed in such claims. All nonelected claims have been cancelled, without prejudice to refiling in one or more divisional applications, and elected dependent claims have been amended to the independent format by incorporating the limitations of the cancelled claims from which they depended, as necessary. Claim 47 has also been amended for clarification.

Applicants respectfully request that examination of elected Claims 12-16, 46-56, 70-82 and 84-103 proceed. The undersigned attorney would welcome any calls to discuss the application.

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